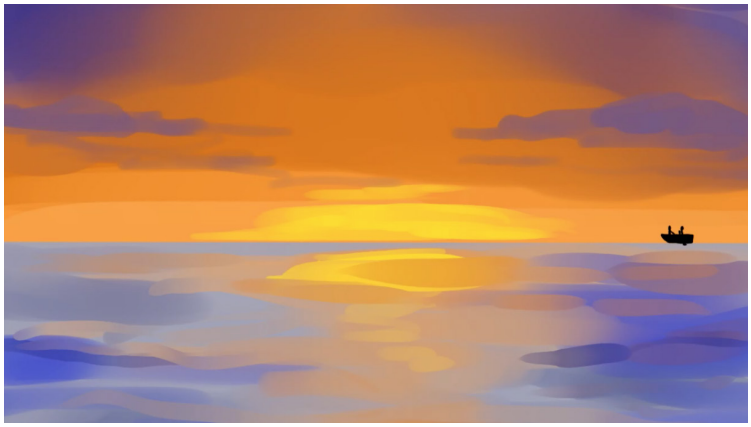




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The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are proud to partner with The Herb Block Foundation to present the Editorial Cartoon category and The Herblock Award for Editorial Cartoon. These initiatives celebrate the legacy of four-time Pulitzer Prize–winning political cartoonist Herb Block and his remarkable contribution to American history and free expression. Through The Herblock Award for Editorial Cartoon, three **$1,000 scholarships** are awarded to students who earn National Medals in this category.

About the Scholastic Awards

The Scholastic Awards invite students in grades 7–12 to create and share works of visual and literary art. Students earn opportunities for recognition, exhibition, publication, and scholarships. Students may submit in 29 categories, including the newest category, Editorial Cartoon sponsored by The Herb Block Foundation. **artandwriting.org**

About The Herb Block Foundation

The Foundation is committed to defending basic freedoms, combating all forms of discrimination and prejudice, and improving the condition of the poor and underprivileged. In addition, the Foundation promotes editorial cartooning and awards scholarships based on financial need to individuals seeking to attend community colleges in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. **herbblockfoundation.org**

What is an Editorial Cartoon?

An editorial cartoon is a drawing or illustration, series of artworks, or animated short film (no longer than 60 seconds) that offers commentary or criticism on current events, social issues, or political topics. Students may submit (but are not limited to) single panel drawings with captions, sequential comic art, illustrations, digitally created drawings, or animated films with a political theme or message.

Interested in getting involved?

Spread the Word: Help us get the word out about the Editorial Cartoon category! Contact us at the email below for a guide on talking about the Editorial Cartoon category on social media.

Host a Workshop: Help young thinkers develop a strong voice and point of view by hosting an Editorial Cartoon Workshop.

Contact **programs@artandwriting.org** for details.

Jumpstart Creativity in Your Classroom

- Jumpstart Topics: current events, politics, elections, civics, domestic affairs, foreign policy, economics, the Constitution, and the Supreme Court.
- Check out The New York Times–The Learning Network at **nyti.ms/1N6N4jT** to access free resources for lesson planning.

Above: ***Sail***, Editorial Cartoon by **Patricia Patalinjug**, Grade 10, Age 15, Nutley High School, Nutley, NJ

Civic Expression Award

Presented by the
Scholastic Art & Writing Awards 2018

In partnership with the
Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools



The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, in partnership with the Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools, presents a new award for students whose original art or writing demonstrates civic knowledge and skills: the Civic Expression Award.

Throughout history, artists and writers have played a vital role in shaping a more just society by seeking to solve problems on behalf of the public good. The Civic Expression Award, sponsored by the Maurice R. Robinson Fund, recognizes students whose art and writing expresses a vision of the society they are working to build, one that exemplifies democratic values and that allows all voices and viewpoints to be heard and respected. Recipients will be artists or writers whose work highlights and demonstrates awareness of American civic rights and responsibilities. Six students whose work best promotes responsible civic life will each be awarded a $1,000 scholarship. Learn more at **artandwriting.org/login**.

About the Scholastic Awards

The Scholastic Awards invite students in grades 7–12 to create and share works in 29 categories of visual and literary art. Students earn opportunities for recognition, exhibition, publication, and scholarships. The Scholastic Awards were founded in 1923 and are today the longest-running and most prestigious recognition and scholarship program for young artists and writers, with more than 330,000 submissions received in 2017.

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What Is Civic Engagement?

Civic engagement requires community members to be informed about their rights and responsibilities, to appreciate the history and fundamental processes of American democracy, to recognize and be respectful of different views, and to seek to solve problems on behalf of the public good.

What Is My Role as an Artist or Writer?

As creative and original problem solvers, thinkers, and makers, artists and writers are engaged by the ideas and events that are shaping their community and their world. The art and literature they produce helps shape society's understanding of important issues. They articulate the world around them and the possibilities of what that world could become.

About the Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools

The Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools is a coalition of more than 70 national civic learning, education, civic engagement, and business groups committed to improving the quality and quantity of civic learning in American schools. The Campaign's goal is to increase and improve civic learning in grades K–12 by working for policies that implement the recommendations of the Civic Mission of Schools report. This includes efforts to bring about changes in national, state, and local education policy.

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Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools
Educating for Democracy

Image Credit: ***Happy Being Me***, Drawing & Illustration by **Alyssa Jimenez**, Grade 10, Age 16, Abbott Lawrence Academy, Lawrence, MA



New York Life Award
Presented by the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards 2018

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NEW YORK LIFE

Grief is a difficult journey, but having a creative outlet can provide a safe space. But for teens trying to make peace with the loss of a parent, a teacher, a caregiver, or even a friend, finding ways to express bereavement can open a door to healing.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards and the New York Life Foundation have created a special partnership to encourage bereaved teens in grades 7–12 who have personally experienced a loss through the death of a close loved one to create original works of art or writing that explore their responses to a range of grief and emotion.

New York Life Award

The New York Life Award will provide six students with $1,000 scholarships through the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. This national recognition will acknowledge students who have experienced the death of a close loved one and who have explored that loss in their creative work.

Healing with Art & Writing

As part of this initiative, the New York Life Foundation, in partnership with the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, will be providing free art and writing workshops with a special focus on bereavement. These workshops are designed to give grieving students creative outlets for dealing with the death of a close loved one or other kinds of loss such as the displacement of a caregiver.

For more information, email **info@artandwriting.org** or visit **artandwriting.org/newyorklife**.

About the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, founded in 1923, recognize and celebrate the most creative teens in America. The Scholastic Awards received more than 330,000 submissions in 29 categories of art and writing from students in grades 7–12 nationwide last year, and distribute more than $250,000 in direct scholarships annually. The Scholastic Awards are administered by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. To learn more, please visit **artandwriting.org**.

About the New York Life Foundation

Inspired by New York Life's tradition of service and humanity, the New York Life Foundation has, since its founding in 1979, provided $217 million in charitable contributions to national and local nonprofit organizations. The Foundation supports programs that benefit young people, particularly in the areas of educational enhancement and childhood bereavement. The Foundation also encourages and facilitates the community involvement of employees, agents, and retirees of New York Life through its Volunteers for Good program. To learn more and for bereavement resources, please visit **newyorklifefoundation.org**.

Above: ***I Buried My Sister In an Open Field***, Painting by **Benjamin Cruz**, Grade 12, Age 17, Idyllwild Arts Academy, Idyllwild, CA